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March 25, 2010

The Honorable Nestor Garcia, Chair and Members of the Budget Committee Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street, Room 202 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Garcia and Councilmembers:

Subject: Budget Communication No. 12
Council Budget Hearing Question No. 3

Attached is the response to Budget Committee questions of March 23, 2010, regarding:

Question 3. Please cost out the budgetary impacts of Bill 4 (2010) should it be approved by Council and signed into law. Were these costs included in the department's FY 2011 submittal?

Should you have any questions, please call me at 529-3162.

Sincerely,

Louis M. Kealoha, Chief of Police Honolulu Police Department

Attachment

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Question 3. Please cost out the budgetary impacts of Bill 4 (2010) should it be approved by Council and signed into law. Were these costs included in the department's FY 2011 submittal?

Answer:

The primary budgetary impact regarding Bill 4 (2010) is the storage of the vehicles that will be impounded. The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) does not have a storage facility that is capable of storing vehicles for an extended period of time.

Currently, in forfeiture cases, vehicles are taken to a designated parking level in the Alapai headquarters for safekeeping until they can be moved to a state facility. A vehicle confiscated under Bill 4 has to be towed to an HPD or city facility for safekeeping until it is released.

Staffing for security and handling of the release transaction would add to the cost. Additionally, security to ensure the safekeeping of the vehicles and an attendant to release the vehicles to the registered owners would be required.

On March 2, 2010, Captain Lester Hite testified before the Public Safety and Services Committee and expressed HPD's concerns regarding Bill 4. Based on Captains Hite's testimony, we request this bill be held in abeyance until these concerns are addressed.

The cost of the storage facility and staffing were not figured into our FY 2011 budget.